By the King.

¶ A Proclamation for the apprehenſion of Richard Smith, a Popiſh Prieſt, ſtiled, and calling himſelfe, the Biſhop of *Calcedon*.

FOraſmuch as Wee certainely vnderſtand, that *Richard Smith*, an Engliſh man borne, by profeſſion a Popiſh Prieſt, now is, and, for ſome yeeres paſt, hath been in this Realme, and here not onely peruerteth Our Subiects in their Religion, but doth alſo both by his Writings in Print, and otherwiſe, & by his continuall practiſe, perſwade thoſe Our Subiects, to whom he hath acceſſe, from their Alleagiance to Us, their Liege Lord, and vſurpeth to himſelfe Epiſcopall iuriſdiction from the Sea of Rome, and exerciſeth the ſame within this Kingdome, and holdeth continuall Intelligence with Our enemies, Wherby, according to the iuſt Lawes of this Realme, hee hath committed the offence of high Treaſon: And yet neuertheleſſe, diuers of Our Subiects ſeduced by him, doe receiue, harbour, and entertaine him, contrary to Our Lawes, and haue thereby incurred, and doe incurre the penalty of thoſe Lawes, which are capitall to the offenders. We therefore beeing iuſtly prouoked by the boldnes of the ſayd Smith, doe hereby ſtraitly command all Our louing Subiects, of whatſoeuer condition, qualitie, or degree, that none of them directly or indirectly doe permit, or ſuffer him to bee concealed, or harboured, but that forthwith they arreſt and apprehend his bodie, and bring him before the next Iuſtice of Peace, to the place where hee ſhall bee apprehended, whom Wee ſtraitly command to commit him to priſon without Bayle or Mainprize, and preſently thereupon informe Us, or Our Priuie Counſell, of his apprehenſion.

And We doe further declare hereby, that if any perſon ſhall hereafter directly or indirectly harbour or conceale the ſayd Smith, or vſe, or connive at any meanes, whereby the ſayd Smith may eſcape from beeing apprehended or arreſted, that then Wee ſhall extend the vttermoſt ſeueritie of Our Lawes againſt euery ſuch offendor. And Wee further charge and command all and ſingular Our Iudges, Iuſtices of Peace, Maiors, Sheriffs, Conſtables, and all other Our Officers, Miniſters, and louing Subiects, that if they ſhall finde any perſon offending herein hereafter, that then they and euery of them proceede with all diligence and roundnes, not onely againſt the ſayd Smith, but alſo againſt all ſuch as ſhall harbour, conceale, or connive at his concealement, or ſhall not vſe their beſt indeauours for his diſcouery and apprehenſion, according to the vttermoſt extent of Our Lawes.

Giuen at Our Court at White-Hall, the eleuenth day of December, in the fourth yeere of Our Reigne of Great Britaine, France, and Ireland.

God ſaue the King.

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